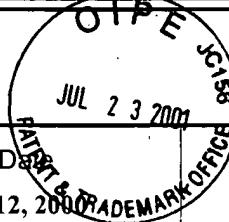


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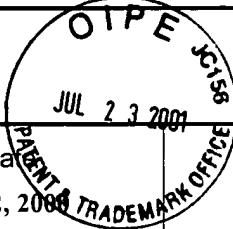
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English abstracts are enclosed for DE 35 22 782, DE 37 39 556 and EP 381 042.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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